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PUBLIC NOTICE NORTHEAST INDIANA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

DISTRICT OFFICE

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

6:30 P.M.

Agenda

- ⇒ 6:30 p.m. Call to Order
- ⇒ 6:32 p.m. Minutes of April 10, 2007 Meeting & Public Hearing April 10, 2007
- ⇒ 6:35 p.m. Registry of Claims/Treasurer's Report
- ⇒ 6:45 p.m. Executive Committee Report
 - Drop-Off Committee Meeting Report
 - Operational Issues
 - Legislative Update
- ⇒ 7:20 p.m. Other Items Pending
- ⇒ 7:25 p.m. Public Comment
- ⇒ 7:30 p.m. Adjourn





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Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes May 8, 2007

The Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting began May 8, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor Norm Yoder, President, presided with a **quorum present**.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Norm Yoder, Mayor David Wiant, Phil Curtis, Mark Pankop, Ron L. Smith and Sara Tuburgen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Kaufman, Donald VanWye, Fred Brown, Terry Helmer, Yvonne Eash, Don Moore, Mayor Suzanne Handshoe, Mayor Gary Bishop, Mayor Richard Hickman and Loretta Smart

CAC PRESENT: Colleen Hake Boyd

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Andrew Kruse

DISTRICT ENGINEER: Not Present

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Christman, Jennifer Franz and Linda Zirkle

MINUTES: ACTION ITEM #1 Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 10, 2007 Board meeting and Public Hearing for Electronic Recycling Fees, a motion was made by Mark Pankop to approve both of the minutes. Motion seconded by Phil Curtis. Motion carried. 5 yeas, 0 nays

REGISTRY OF CLAIMS AND TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve Christman reviewed the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report for May 8, 2007. **ACTION ITEM # 2 A motion was made by Ron Smith to approve the Registry of Claims and Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Phil Curtis. Motion carried. 5 yeas, 0 nays**

Executive Committee Report:

Drop-Off Committee Meeting Report – Mayor Norm Yoder summarized the meeting by saying no decisions were made regarding the direction the program will take. It was determined by the committee to take steps to notify the public of the upcoming changes for recycling in order to encourage public discussion of the issue. The committee recommended the District do a press release to local media and set up an online survey linked to the local media website and the District website. All Board members are encouraged to have conversation with other Board members and public outside the monthly meetings to help with making a program decision all Board members can support. Steve Christman also listed a number of things staff is doing to facilitate public discussion such as electronic survey on the Districts website, a blog page at kpcnews.com and perhaps using roadside billboards to educate the public regarding upcoming changes for recycling. The committee anticipates receiving public input prior to making a decision for the program; it would allow the Board an opportunity to address the public concerns before final decision is made.

Several questions were discussed regarding a possible MRF in progress in the District, length of a new recycle drop-off contract and how that could affect the Board's decision.

Operational Issues – An electronic cost spreadsheet was prepared by Jennifer Franz to compare all electronics prices to ship to the recycler, incoming fee District collects and the difference. The results were somewhat difficult to obtain as the recyclers do not want to share prices paid for commodities; they consider this privileged information. Staff will continue to refine the cost recovery information and keep the Board updated.

Phil Curtis expressed he is perplexed and struggles with the price per ton paid to the recycler being double the price per ton to landfill. Steve Christman gave some examples and explained that it is not a level playing field and never has been.

Currently Steve Christman is working with the city of Garrett and the city's legal counsel to bid the solid waste collection contract. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held and bids will be received on May 15, 2007.

Steve Christman has been asked by the Lake James Association to assist with writing a bid proposal for the Lake James Association for a municipal solid waste and curbside recycling program.

The next two bids Steve Christman is working on will be for the recycling drop-off contract and a new tub grinder.

District compost program is growing and the two operators are behind in grinding due to several break downs with the tub grinder.

Legislative Issues – The Supreme Court handed down a decision last week in favor of local government that all the solid waste generated within the jurisdiction of that particular solid waste authority is taken to the publicly owned facility within that jurisdiction. Several State issues will be followed as the summer meetings continue.

Other Items Pending – None

Public Comment – None

Adjourn – ACTION ITEM #3 – Mayor David Wiant made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Motion seconded by acclamation.